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SUBJ: PROPAGANDIST PRESENTATION ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: Leningrad PROPAGANDIST APRIL 15 GAVE PRESENTATION ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. INTER ALIA, HE SAID: NIXON'S 1972 VISIT TO SOVIET UNION SHOWED THAT U.S. WAS REQUIRED TO RECOGNIZE LENINIST CONCEPT OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE; NIXON SAID DURING 1974 VISIT THAT HED COULD NOT RPT NOT SIGN NEW ARMS AGREEMENT AND SOVIET UNION UNDERSTOOD THIS "DUE TO HIS POSITION"; U.S. IS VIOLATING THE SPIRIT, BUT NOT THE LETTER, OF ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS BY UPGRADING MISSILES AND DEVELOPING B-1 BOMBER; U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE BECOME STRAINED OVER ANGOLA AND THIS IS WHY KISSINGER DID NOT VISIT MOSCOW IN MARCH; BUT, ALTHOUGH U.S. MOST REACTIONARY FORCE IN WORLD, AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IS OBJECTIVELY FORCED TO OBSERVE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND SEEK AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS. END SUMMARY.

2. A Leningrad ZNANIYE (KNOWLEDGE) SOCIETY PROPAGANDIST SPOKE ON U.S.-

SOVIET RELATIONS EVENING OF APRIL 15. HIS PRESENTATION, FIRST ON THIS TOPIC IN RECENT MONTHS, WAS GIVEN AT "KRASNYY UGOLOK" READING ROOM OF KUYBYSHEVSKIY RAYON HOUSING OFFICE (ZHEK). FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF HIS REMARKS.

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3. BREZHNEV GAVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO US-SOVIET RELATIONS IN HIS REPORT TO 25TH PARTY CONGRESS. THIS IS BECAUSE US IS LEADING CAPITALIST

AND IMPERIALIST POWER AND STRONGEST NUCLEAR POWER OF WEST. AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC BOMB AND USE AGAINST JAPAN GAVE WARNING TO SOVIET

UNION. SOVIET UNION AFTER WAR HAD TO MAINTAIN HUGE ARMED FORCES OF 5 MILLION IN ORDER TO OFFSET LACK OF NUCLEAR STRENGTH. BUT SOVIET SCIENTISTS SUCCEEDED IN CREATING THESE WEAPONS AND, LATER, ALSO CONCENTRATED ON BUILDING MISSILES. WE NOW SEE THE GREAT RESULTS OF THIS SINCE SOVIET UNION NOW COMPETES WITH US ON EQUAL BASIS.

4. AMERICANS SUFFERED FIRST POSTWAR DEFEAT IN KOREA AND THE WAR IN VIETNAM RESULTED IN A GREAT AMERICAN DEFEAT. ONE MAY SAY THAT THESE DEFEATS RESULTED FROM OUR CONFRONTING AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. THERE BEGAN TO BE CHANGES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. NOW, AMERICAN LEADERS LIKE NIXON AND KISSINGER CAN NEVER BE CALLED DEMOCFATS--THEY ARE REACTIONARIES--BUT THEY ARE SOBER MEN WHO REALIZED THAT NUCLEAR WAR WITH THE SOVIET UNION WAS WITHOUT SENSE. OUR CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY, SEEING THE CHANGE IN THE CORRELATION OF FORCES, UNDERTOOK THE PEACE PROGRAM OF THE 24TH PARTY CONGRESS. NIXON VISITED THE SOVIET

UNION IN 1972 AND THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS. THIS VISIT SHOWED THAT THE US WAS REQUIRED TO RECOGNIZE THE LENINIST CONCEPT OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, AS EMBODIED IN THE TREATY ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND SOVIET UNION.

5. THE 1972 AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS WAS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT ONE MUST NOT THINK THAT THE AMERICANS ARE NOT INCREASING THEIR POTENTIAL EVEN DURING DETENTE. THE US DOES NOT VIOLATE THDRLETTTER OF THE AGREEMENTS, BUT IT DOES VIOLATE THE SPIRIT, E.G. IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF MISSILES AND WARHEADS. AS YOU KNOW, NIXON VISVED THE SOVIET UNION AGAIN IN 1974 AND RESIGNED SOON THEREAFTER. NIXON SAID THAT HE COULD NOT SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT THEN AND THE SOVIET UNION UNDERSTOOD THIS "DUE TO HIS POSITION." THEN FORD BECAME PRESIDENT--A MAN REPORTED TO BE MORE CONSERVATIVE--AND THE MEETING IN VLADIVOSTO K WAS ARRANGED. BUT NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN 1975 OR SO FAR IN 1976 AND THE DELEGATIONS TILL MEET IN GENEVA WITHOUT THE NECESSARY DIRECT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IVES FROM THE GOVERNMENTS.

6. ONE MUST LOOK AT THE PRESENT PRIMARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN THE US AND THE MATTER OF ANGOLA IN THIS CONTEXT. US-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE BECOME STRAINED OVER THIS. KISSINGER INTENDED TO VISIT MOSCOW IN MARCH, BUT DID NOT COME DUE TO ANGOLA. SO THERE IS NO ARMS AGREEMENT YET, BUT WHAT OTHER COURSE IS THERE? A RETURN TO THE COLD WAR? AMERICANS ARE AFRAID OF AN OPEN ARMS RACE SO THERE IS STILL HOPE FOR

AN AGREEMENT.

7. AGREEMENTS ON US-SOVIET TRADE HAVE NOT BEEN REALIZED DUE TO ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN SOVIET INTERNAL MATTERS. SENATOR JACKSON ESTABLISHED POLITICAL CONDITIONS FOR THE GRANTING OF MFN AND CREDITS SO WE REFUSED THIS. BUT IT IS THE US WHICH HAS SUFFERED GREAT LOSSES BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION WENT TO WEST EUROPEANS, E.G. FRG, ENGLAND, AND FRANCE.

8. ON POSITIVE SIDE, SOYUZ-APOLLO WAS GREAT EXAMPLE OF US-SOVIET COOPERATION. THE TWO COUNTRIES ALSO CONDUCT JOINT RESEARCH IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, INCLUDING THE SEARCH FOR NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY. THE STATE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY POSTPONED SOME COMMISSION SESSIONS BECAUSE OF ANGOLA, BUT OTHER COMMISSIONS CONTINUE THEIR WORK, E.G. HEART RESEARCH.

9. ALTHOUGH US IS MOST REACTIONARY FORCE IN WORLD, AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IS OBJECTIVELY FORCED IN ANY EVENT TO OBSERVE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND SEEK AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS. THERE IS NO REASON FOR PANIC. US-SOVIET RELATIONS DEVELOP IN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, BUT POSITIVELY, AND WE WANT STABILIZATION IN ORDER TO INSURE PEACE AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.
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